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FOR ASST SEC ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, US, SA, XF  
SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS

REF: STATE 68375

1. I SHALL BE REPLYING SOON TO THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS CONTAINED  
REFTEL, WHICH I FOUND MOST INTERESTING.

2. MEANWHILE, I WOULD LIKE TO PUT BEFORE YOU, IN AN EFFORT  
TO BE HELPFUL IN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TASK YOU ARE FACING IN  
COMMENCING A CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST IN GENEVA, THE  
FOLLOWING IDEA. IT MIGHT GAIN THE SUPPORT OF MODERATE ARABS,  
INCLUDING THE GENEVA PARTICIPANTS AND THE SAUDIS, AND IT WOULD  
DEFER THE PROBLEM OF ISRAELI-PLO CONTACTS OR NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL  
THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE IS WELL ADVANCED:

- (1) TWO CHAIRMEN WOULD ASK ALL PARTIES TO APPROVE  
AN AGENDA FOR THE OVER-ALL CONDUCT OF THE  
CONFERENCE. SUCH AN AGENDA WOULD BE LIMITED  
TO PROPOSAL THAT SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISCUSSIONS,  
EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISCUSSIONS, AND LEBANESE-  
ISRAELI DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE IN THAT ORDER.
- (2) THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI PROBLEM WOULD BE HELD IN  
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ABEYANCE UNTIL THOSE DISCUSSIONS ARE CONCLUDED.  
(3) IF THE PARTIES AGREE TO THAT PROCEDURE, INVITATIONS  
WOULD BE ISSUED TO ALL, BUT THOSE TO THE PLO AND  
JORDANIANS WOULD SPECIFY THAT THEY WOULD ATTEND AS  
OBSERVERS UNTIL THE CONFERENCE REQUESTS THAT THE  
FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK/GAZA AREAS BE BROUGHT  
FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION.

(4) IF OBSTACLES ARISE AT THAT POINT, THEY WOULD RECEIVE  
THE ATTENTION OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. VARIATIONS OF THIS IDEA COULD OBVIOUSLY BE DEVELOPED. I WOULD  
PERCEIVE NO DIFFICULTY TRYING THIS ON THE ARABS, INCLUDING THE  
SAUDIS, AT A CAREFULLY CONSIDERED TIME.  
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